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REMARKS

PRIORITY

The Examiner noted that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 11-243872 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

It is respectfully submitted that applicant submitted the certified copy of the 11-243872 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b). Enclosed herewith are a copy of the first page of the certified copy of JP 11-23872 and a copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of same by the USPTO.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of JP 11-23872.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, at pages 2-4, numbered paragraphs 7-10, claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 20, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson (SinaNet; hereafter, Jackson, and claims 5-7, 13-15, and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson (SinaNet) as applied to claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 20 and 24, and further in view of Flanagan et al. (USPN 5,966,685; hereafter, Flanagan). The rejections are traversed and reconsideration is requested.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-9, 12-17, and 20-24 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Jackson discusses translating Chinese text messages into GIF files. The GIF format was invented in 1987 by Compuserve to allow images to be displayed. The GIF format allows for 256 colors, compression, interlacing, and animation. The GIF format utilizes a non-lossy algorithm. This means that images do not lose bits when they are compressed. To achieve this, GIF uses a proprietary encoding/decoding scheme called LZW (Lempel Zev Welch), which is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,558,302.

Flanagan discusses using machine translators or language translation software to translate messages in communicating over a computer network.

Amended claim 1, and amended claims 9 and 17 in similar fashion, recite the following limitations:

(A) storing information in response to a destination of an electronic mail, the information indicating whether a sentence to be included in the electronic mail is text-displayable based on text data on the basis of a character code system used at the destination of the electronic mail; and

(B) judging whether to form an image data of the sentence based on the information stored in said storing unit.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Jackson nor Flanagan et al., alone or in combination, teach or disclose the above-mentioned limitations (A) and (B) recited in amended independent claims 1, 9 and 17 of the present application. Hence, amended independent claims 1, 9 and 17 are submitted to be non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Jackson (SinaNet) and/or Flanagan et al. (USPN 5,966,685), either alone or in combination.

Since claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 24 depend from one of amended claims 1, 9 and 17, respectively, claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 24 are submitted to be non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Jackson (SinaNet) for at least the reasons that amended claims 1, 9 and 17 are submitted to be non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Jackson (SinaNet).

Since claims 5-7, 13-15 and 21-23 depend from amended claims 1, 9 and 17, respectively, claims 5-7, 13-15 and 21-23 are submitted to be non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Jackson (SinaNet) and Flanagan et al. (USPN 5,966,685) for at least the reasons that amended claims 1, 9 and 17 are submitted to be non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Jackson (SinaNet) and Flanagan et al. (USPN 5,966,685).

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, this Amendment should be entered at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration by the Board.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. §1.55**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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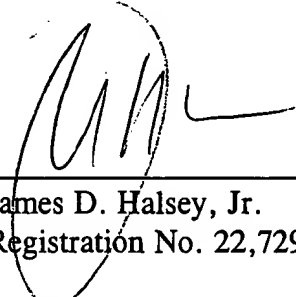
Japanese Patent Application No. 11-243872, filed August 30, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that Applicants be given the benefit of the foreign filing date, as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119.

Respectfully submitted,
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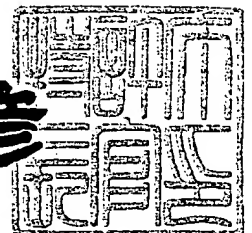
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